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INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY NASSAU

AMEMBASSY SUVA

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FROM US DEL LOS

EO 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATION WITH THE BAHAMAS

(1) DURING DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 25 GEORGE STEWART OF BAHAMAS LOS DEL INDICATED TO US REP. JOHN NORTON MOORE THAT HE FELT LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER OR FIRST IN OCTOBER WOULD BE BEST TIME FOR MOORE TEAM VISIT TO NASSAU.

(2) STEWART ALSO AGREED WITH MOORE WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF ONLY NARROW DIFFERENCES IF ANY REMAINING BETWEEN US AND BAHAMAS LOS DELS, THE PURPOSE OF VISIT SHOULD BE TO FINALIZE THE ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

(3) RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND BAHAMIAN LOS DELS CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY CORDIAL. STEWARD INDICATED AGAIN FON MIN ADDERLY VERY PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS.

(4) IF DEPT CONCURS, LOS TEAM RECOMMENDS THAT

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EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO SCHEDULE MOORE TEAM VISIT TO

NASSAU DURING LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER (PER EARLIER  
REFTEL) OR FIRST WEEK OCTOBER ASSUMING THESE DATES  
CONVENIENT FOR ADDERLY. TEAM ALSO RECOMMENDS  
EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT PURPOSE  
OF TRIP IS TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT ALREADY LARGELY  
REACHED BETWEEN US AND BAHAMAIN LOS TEAM.

(5) FYI JAKARTA MANILA AND SUVA -- MOORE INFORMED  
INDONESIAN PHILIPPINE AND FIJI LOS TEAMS THAT US WOULD BE  
TALKING IN DETAIL WITH BAHAMAS DURING SEPTEMBER  
OR OCTOBER ON ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES AND THAT IT WAS  
LIKELY THAT LAND WATER RATIO MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT EN-  
LARGED FROM PRESENT 5-1 DURING THOSE DISCUSSIONS.  
INDONESIAN, PHILIPPINE AND FIJI REPS INDICATED FULL  
UNDERSTANDING AND CONCURRED WITH INCLUSION OF  
BAHAMAS WITHIN ARCHIPELAGO GROUP. MOORE ALSO MADE  
CLEAR THAT US SUPPORT FOR ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE IN  
THE LOS CONFERENCE STILL DEPENDED ON FULL AGREEMENT  
WITH KEY ARCHIPELAGO STATES AND THAT THIS WOULD BE  
MADE CLEAR TO THE BAHAMAS.

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